## Auditors of Tata Sons Flag AirAsia India, Europe Steel Biz

Voice worries about ability of cos to continue as 'going concern'

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Mumbai: The auditors of Tata Sons have raised concerns about the ability of AirAsia India and Tata Steel Europe to "continue as a going concern", according to the holding company's FY20 annual report. The net worth of the carrier, a joint venture between the Tata Group and Malaysia's AirAsia Bhd, has been fully eroded and current liabilities exceed assets by \$1,208.89 crore, it said.

Tata Sons and AirAsia India did not respond to queries.

AirAsia India's losses widened to ₹332 crore in the quarter ended June from ₹15 crore a year earlier, according to a Kuala Lumpur stock exchange filing.

The airline attributed this to the "decrease in revenue from suspension of flights and the increase in operating expenses from operating nine additional aircraft". Total revenue was \$80.7 crore, down 91%

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from the same period last year.

The management has prepared AirAsia India's financial statement on the basis that it's a going concern, the auditors were cited as saying in the annual report. Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata Group, has a 51% stake in AirAsia India. AirAsia Bhd owns the remaining 49%.

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